

Ranger Programs

The National Park Service invites you to enjoy the free programs below. We hope that learning about Grand Canyon and its resources will lead to a greater appreciation of your national park. Some programs require riding the free shuttle bus to get to the meeting location. Plan sufficient time to arrive before the start of the program. Many programs, with the exception of the Evening Program, are cancelled December 10 to allow our rangers to attend training.

Grand Canyon Village, South Rim

December 1, 2003 - February 29, 2004

Activity	Location	Time	Duration	Frequency
Lure of the Canyon  				
Grand Canyon offers both colorful geology and rich human history. Enjoy a talk with a park ranger exploring the past and what the future may hold. A short walk may be included, weather permitting. This program begins in the Visitor Center at the benches on the north wall. Plan sufficient time to arrive by the Village Route shuttle bus. No program December 10.	Visitor Center at Canyon View Information Plaza	9:30 a.m.	30 min.	Daily
Introduction to Grand Canyon Geology  				
Why is the Grand Canyon so deep, wide, and grand? Why does it only exist here in the world? Come and learn how Grand Canyon was formed. This program begins in the Visitor Center at the benches on the north wall. Plan sufficient time to arrive by the Village Route shuttle bus. No program December 10.	Visitor Center at Canyon View Information Plaza	10:30 a.m.	30–45 min.	Daily
Ranger Lore  				
Enjoy a wintry afternoon listening to stories of Grand Canyon. Join a ranger by the historic fireplace in the Bright Angel History Room within a Mary Colter designed lodge. The room is adjacent to the Bright Angel Lodge lobby. No program December 10.	History Room at Bright Angel Lodge	1:30 p.m.	20–30 min.	Mon. Wed. Friday Sat.
Kolb Studio: Images of the Past (by registration only)				
Kolb Studio, built in 1904, spills five levels down the canyon wall. The Kolb brothers played an integral role in the early years of Grand Canyon, photographing countless visitors as they began their mule trips. Join a ranger in the art gallery for a closer look at Kolb Studio and the fascinating time in which the Kolb family lived here. The tour is limited to 12 participants. Register at Kolb Studio by 1:00 p.m. on the day of program. No program December 10.	Kolb Studio	1:30 p.m.	30–45 min.	Sun. Tues. Thurs.
Winter Nature Walk  				
We turn up the thermostat when the weather is cold. How do the plants and animals survive the winter months? Learn their strategies and enjoy other winter wonders while celebrating the quiet beauty. Dress warmly for this 1/2-mile walk along a paved path. No program December 10.	Bicycle rack outside Yavapai Observation Station	2:30 p.m.	1 hour	Daily
Geology Talk: Read the Rocks  				
There is only one Grand Canyon. How did it come to be? Be prepared to venture outside in nice weather to learn how to read the Earth's history in the rocks of the canyon. This fascinating talk begins in the Visitor Center at the benches on the north wall. Plan sufficient time to arrive by the Village Route shuttle bus. No program December 10.	Visitor Center at Canyon View Information Plaza	3:30 p.m.	30–45 min.	Daily
Evening Program 				
The perfect way to end your day at the Grand Canyon! Relax and enjoy a park ranger presentation on a significant aspect of the canyon's natural or cultural history. Each evening offers a different presentation. For this evening's topic check the schedules posted around the park or call 638-7610. Dress warmly. You may arrive by walking, driving to the Shrine of the Ages, or riding the free Village Route shuttle bus.	Shrine of the Ages auditorium	7:00 p.m.	1 hour	Daily
Additional Programs				
Star programs and other special events are offered when staffing allows. Check park bulletin boards for announcements or inquire at the Visitor Center at Canyon View Information Plaza for upcoming events.	Check park bulletin boards or at the Visitor Center at Canyon View Information Plaza			
Desert View Area				
Glimpses of the Past  				
Consider the ancient people who called Grand Canyon "home" 800 years ago. How did they survive in this harsh climate? Tusayan Museum and the excavated ruins provide a unique glimpse of life of the ancestral Puebloan people. Dress warmly for this 0.1 mile (0.2 km) walk on a flat, paved trail. No program December 10.	Tusayan Museum, 23 miles east of Grand Canyon Village	11:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	45–60 min.	Daily (as staffing permits)

All children must be supervised and accompanied by an adult on all programs.



All outdoor programs are subject to cancellation due to inclement weather or when lightning danger is present.



These programs are wheelchair accessible with assistance. Wheelchairs are available for loan at the Visitor Center at Canyon View Information Plaza. For programs meeting at the Visitor Center, handicap access is by wheelchair or accessibility shuttle bus from Mather Point parking lot.



These family-oriented programs are ideal for meeting the ranger program requirement for the Grand Canyon's Junior Ranger award. However, any ranger program may serve the requirement on page 2 of the Junior Ranger Activity Booklet.